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Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice <sup>29</sup> and come forth – those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation. Jn 5:28-29

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## 1. If there is no literal resurrection of the body, the Bible is gobbledygook

1 Thess 4:14-17 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. <sup>15</sup>For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

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## 2. There are two “types” of resurrections:

Resurrection of life  
Resurrection of damnation

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Lk 14:14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just.”

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### 3. The three “phases” of salvation:

- Justification
- Sanctification
- Glorification

1 Thess 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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## 4. The resurrection of the body fully completes our salvation

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## 5. Jesus spoke openly and plainly about the resurrection of the body

Mk 12:23,25-27 Therefore, in the resurrection, when they rise, whose wife will she be? ... <sup>25</sup> For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. <sup>26</sup> But concerning the dead, that they rise, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the burning bush passage, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? <sup>27</sup> He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living. You are therefore greatly mistaken."

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## 6. The raising of Lazarus and those resurrected with Jesus offer a preview of the resurrection

Jn 11:43-44 Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" <sup>44</sup> And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."

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Matt 27:51-53 Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split, <sup>52</sup> and the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised; <sup>53</sup> and coming out of the graves after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

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## 7. The model for the resurrection is Jesus' resurrection body

Phil 3:20-21 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

Lk 24:39 Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have.”

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- He was able to circumvent shut doors and windows

Jn 20:19-20,26 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ... <sup>26</sup> And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, “Peace to you!”

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- His body was physical and could be touched

Jn 20:27 Then He said to Thomas, “Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing.”

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- He could eat in His resurrection body

Jn 21:13 Jesus then came and took the bread and gave it to them, and likewise the fish.

Lk 24:41-43 But while they still did not believe for joy, and marveled, He said to them, “Have you any food here?”<sup>42</sup> So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb.<sup>43</sup> And He took it and ate in their presence.

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## 1 Corinthians 15 is the “resurrection chapter”

- Jesus is the “firstfruits” of many resurrections

1 Cor 15:20-21 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead.

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- Our resurrection is a virtual “second phase” of the firstfruits

15:23 But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ’s at His coming.

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- If there is no coming resurrection, our faith is vain

15:29-32 Otherwise, what will they do who are baptized for the dead, if the dead do not rise at all? Why then are they baptized for the dead? <sup>30</sup> And why do we stand in jeopardy every hour? <sup>31</sup> I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. <sup>32</sup> If, in the manner of men, I have fought with beasts at Ephesus, what advantage is it to me? If the dead do not rise, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!”

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- Burying the body is like sowing a seed

15:37-38 And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain—perhaps wheat or some other grain. <sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body.

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- There are many “kinds of bodies” in the universe

15:35,39-41 But someone will say, “How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?” ... <sup>39</sup> All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of animals, another of fish, and another of birds. <sup>40</sup> There are also celestial bodies and terrestrial bodies; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. <sup>41</sup> There is one glory of the sun, another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differs from another star in glory.

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- There is a “spiritual body”

15:42-45 So also is the resurrection of the dead. The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption. <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup> It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. <sup>45</sup> And so it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being.” The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

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- We will trade our “earthy” body for a “heavenly” one

15:46-49 However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural, and afterward the spiritual. <sup>47</sup> The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven. <sup>48</sup> As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly. <sup>49</sup> And as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly Man.

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- We must have a “new and improved” body to inherit God’s kingdom

15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

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- The day we get our “new” body

15:51-57 Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—<sup>52</sup> in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.<sup>53</sup> For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.<sup>54</sup> So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.”<sup>55</sup> “O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?”<sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.<sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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- This should spur us on to faith, faithfulness, and future hope

15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

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